

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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March 24, 2024
PALM SUNDAY

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Mar. 25		NO MASS
Tue. Mar. 26	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Wed. Mar. 27	7:00pm	Herman Schonhoff
Holy Thursday	7:00pm	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i>
Good Friday	1:30pm	<i>Good Friday Service [Not a Mass]</i>
Holy Saturday	8:00pm	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i>
Easter Sunday	7:30am	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i>
	9:30am	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i>



CONFESSIONS: (also by appointment)

Sat. 3:15pm - 3:40pm
 Sun. 8:45am - 9:10am

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Afternoon at 3:30pm
 Sun. Morning at 7:10am



MARCH 23rd & 24th – PALM SUNDAY – SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm-Noelle Castillo, Mia Hoelscher, Arabella Horstmann, Peyton Kapp, & (1) *Volunteer*
 Sun. 7:30am-Auggie & Della Block, Emma Lappe, & (2) *Volunteers*
 9:30am-Addy Budde, Ava Huegen, Aliya Hollenkamp, Tyson Hollenkamp, & (1) *Volunteer*

SEE Holy Week Schedule for Holy Thursday & Good Friday

HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER SUNDAY WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm-Dane & Keegan Kohlbrecher, Brennan Toennies & (5) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am-Aiden & Caleb Deien, Mia Hoelscher, Dane & Keegan Kohlbrecher, & Emma Lappe
 9:30am-Addy Budde, Jack Buschmann, Avery Emig, Myah Hilmes, Tyson Hollenkamp, & (1) *Volunteer*

(If you cannot be there at the appointed time, please get a sub!)

PASTOR'S NOTE: Two processions are the focus of Palm Sunday:

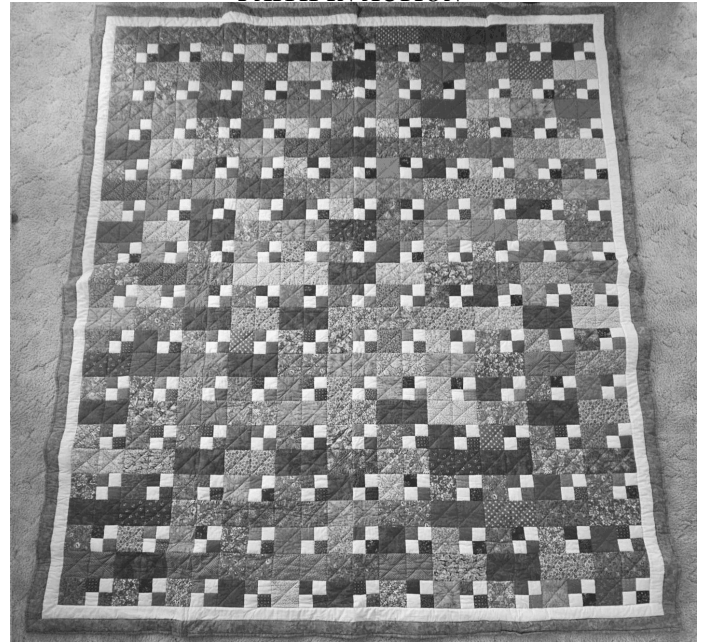
In the first, we welcome Jesus into our city and, if only for a moment, dare to dream of the completion of God's Kingdom of justice and peace here and now. The second is Jesus's slow, agonizing trek to Golgotha. The Palm Sunday processions are re-enacted every day in our lives: the first invites us to hope and possibility, the second makes us cringe with embarrassment. We are players in every passion story. This Sunday, the Lord's Passion challenges us: Do we join - if only by silence - the powerful who demand the crucifixion of Jesus who challenges society's unjust avarice and bigotry? Or, do we walk together in the humble spirit of the Servant Jesus, taking up His cross today in order to move beyond our sins and failings to realize the hope of Easter in our own homes and hearts.

OFFERINGS March 16th & 17th:

General Fund
 Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,197.00
 Loose: \$ 482.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,657.25
General Fund Total: \$ 5,336.25



Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION



Next Quilt of the Bi-Month drawing is March 31st!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$345.00



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Dora Beer	Mike Buscher	Nancy Brooks
Charlene Erlinger	David Foy	Kathy Friedman
Moe Goestenkors	June Hamilton	Aubrey Holtmann
Betty Huelsmann	Jim Huelsmann	Marie Jansen
Jennifer Kendall	Phyllis Kendall	Charles Markus
Mark Moss	Darleen Nelson	Connor Nicklin
Rachel Rehkemper	Patricia Rollings	Kathy Schaar
Don Schulte	Bill Schultz	Mary Strieker
Pat Sudholt	Marita Strubhart	Marge Thole
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	Rosemary Venhaus
Judy Winchester		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Mar. 24 -9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
 Mon. Mar. 25-7:00pm - RCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
 †**Thu. Mar. 28 - 7:00pm -THE LORD'S SUPPER**
 †**Fri. Mar. 29 - 1:30pm -GOOD FRIDAY**
 †**Sat. Mar. 30 - 8:00pm -EASTER VIGIL**
 †**Sun. Mar. 31 - 7:30am & 9:30am -EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**
 - No Sunday School Classes



EASTER MORNING PRELUDE

beginning at 9:10am.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, MARCH 29th



CONGRATULATIONS to *Woods Thomas Imming* (son of Cody & Kylie Imming) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome *Woods* to our faith family.

GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY LAND COLLECTION: On Friday, March 29th, Pope Francis has asked parishes to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection, which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

GOOD FRIDAY: 1) Everyone 14yrs. of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on **GOOD FRIDAY**. 2) Everyone 18yrs. of age and over (but under 59yrs.) is also bound to fast on **GOOD FRIDAY**. Fast and Abstinence, only one full meal is allowed. Two other **SMALL** meatless meals may be eaten, sufficient to maintain strength only, but altogether should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. (When health or ability to work would be **SERIOUSLY** affected the fast obligation can be modified). 3) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

EASTER BASKET BLESSING: The Easter Egg is a symbol of new life -the Risen Christ. *Easter Sunday, after 7:30am & 9:30am Masses*, we will bless Easter Eggs. The *Little Ones* need to bring their Easter Baskets with eggs to the front toward the end of Communion distribution for the blessing. Fr. Dan will exchange Easter eggs with them after the Final Blessing & Dismissal.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION: "Will you watch and pray with me for one hour? (Jesus' plea to his apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane.) **WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?** Please spend some time in Church in prayer after Mass on Holy Thursday. A suggested schedule is:

- Schedule for Families and Server Eucharist Guards**
- 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. - A - G Noelle Castillo & Dane Kohlbrecher
 - 9:30 - 10:00 p.m. - H - K Reese & Mabree Strubhart
 - 10:00 - 10:30 p.m. - L - P Tatum Tingley & (1) Volunteer
 - 10:30 - 11:00 p.m. - R - S (2) Volunteers
 - 11:00 - 11:30 p.m. - T - Z (2) Volunteers

JOB OPENING: St. Francis Parish is hiring for the position of **Director of Religious Education (DRE)**. The position may include administrative assistant responsibilities & may be part time or full time. Interested candidates should drop off or send resume to the rectory (PO Box 93) or email (parish@stfrancisav.org).

NOW HIRING
APPLY TODAY

The Aviston Knights of Columbus are hosting an NCAA bracket challenge again this year as a fund-raise for our many community and parish projects the organization supports. The cost is \$10 for a single bracket, with an additional \$5 for a second bracket. If you want more than 2 brackets then a third bracket would be another \$10 and fourth \$5 and so on. Payout will be at least 50% of the proceeds to the top 3 scoring brackets. Below is the link to join. The easiest form of payment is to the Venmo account @Aviston-KnightsofColumbus. If you enter and wish to pay in a different way, please contact me and I will help determine how to do so. If you have any issues with the link or filling out a bracket, let me know and I will try to help you. Thank you in advance to all people who participate!

LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supported St. Francis Parish by buying or selling the Lots of Loot Raffle Tickets. After David & Cathie Schroeder generously donated their \$100 Early Bird Winnings back, our *Net Profit* ended up being a total of \$17,815.56. The profits from this project will help with church needs! **The Lots of Loot money earned last year was used for a new A/C unit and towards the roof repairs. Thank you!**

Congratulations to all of the winners. Our prize winners were:

- 1st Place \$20,000 - Andrew Sexton
- 2nd Place \$2,500 - Nancy Griesbaum
- 3rd Place \$1,000 - Nathan Beckmann
- 4th Place \$500 - Stacey Becker
- 5th Place \$200 - Irene Hegger
- 6th Place \$200 - Edna Rakers
- 7th Place \$200 - Steve Kohlbrecher
- 8th Place \$200 - Ryan Haukap
- 9th Place \$200 - Sandy Deien
- 10th Place \$200 - Allen & Milissa Faust

CHRISM MASS will be celebrated on **Tues., Mar 26th at 11:30am** at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Belleville. This is the Liturgy in which Bishop McGovern blesses the Holy Oils (Chrism, Oils of the Sick, Catechumens and Holy Chrism.) *Everyone is invited to attend.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The first **PICNIC MEETING** for our August 3, 2024 parish picnic is on **Thursday, April 4th** at 7:00pm in the Heritage Room. *It is important that ALL Chairs & Co-Chairs attend!!*

ATTENTION CRAFTERS & DIYers: We are hoping to upgrade our "Country Store" at the Picnic this year. Do you have a cricut or a 3d printer? Do you love doing Pinterest DIYs, make candles, soaps, scrubs, or bath bombs? Do you crochet or make things out of fabric (bowl cozy, fabric pumpkins) yarn/beads (beanie hats, plant holders, macramés, dream catchers), wood (door hangers, door signs, home decor), mesh wreaths, etc. Please call/text Lee Jansen (401-2953) or Darlene Timmermann (920-8188) to drop off any items.

URGENTLY NEEDED! We need you! We have an urgent need for a new **chair** for **ADVERTISING**. The Admin Assistant, Amber Griesbaum, will help train. Chair duties include: contact newspapers, radio stations, & local churches for the Quilt Show & Picnic, take Quilt Show & Picnic flyers to businesses, take notes at the picnic meetings, etc. If interested, email (parish@stfrancisav.org) or call the rectory (228-7219).

Getting ready for parish picnics? St. Anthony, Beckemeyer is having a quilt sale. Please call Rosemary at 618-444-1942, Florence at 618-526-4466, or Betsy at 618-978-2058 for quilt availability & pricing.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

- Thurs. Mar. 28 - 7:30pm- K of C Meeting
- Fri. Mar. 29 - 4:30pm-7:30pm - FISH FRY

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Aviston Legion-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Aviston Park on Sunday, March 31st beginning at 1:30 PM. It is intended for 2 Age groups: 4 years old & under and 5 years to 9 years old.

NEW CONTACT INFO FOR DEACON STEVE: New e-mail is steveaub49@gmail.com. Phone number is (618) 593-8742. Leave a message & he'll return your call as soon as he is available.